Our Story — Traditions & New Beginnings

We started out as Christy's Collections in the fall of 2006 — a grand idea for my mom, daughter, and myself to open a home accessory, antique, and custom sewing store downtown Bardstown. *Christy's Collections* was on the first floor, my mom's *Sew it Seams* on the second, and anything left over on the 3rd. It was so much fun being with mom, Robyn, and so many other family members. It was a lot of hard work, but soon paid off in a way that we never would've dreamed. Not having enough to do (in mom's words), we decided to open a cafe', antique, and sewing store combination. Attached to our building was a small room in the back, perfect for a kitchen! We bought a small grill, deep fryer, used an old stove, fridge, and freezer from my home, then went to discount stores for dishes, pots, and pans. Soon after, we became so busy and overwhelmed that we had to bring sewing tables and any kind of chairs we could find to accommodate all our new customers. I don't know how we did it in that small room, but people loved it and would eat in the kitchen while we cooked.

Mammy's Kitchen first location at 114 N. Third Street.

We always kept both my grandmothers' memories alive because they would've loved it so much. My grandmothers, both of whom we called "Mammy," were Lucille Hourigan, (who had 17 children) whose specialties were sausage gravy and homemade biscuits. Mammy Clyde Gribbins, (who had 15 children) whose favorites were pinto beans and fried chicken.

I'm now a "Mammy" with my own grandchildren and I carry on their traditions with a sense of great responsibility and pride. I remember waking up to the smell of bacon frying, the chitter chatter of pots and pans and the various conversations about the weather and the schedule for that day. I hope to give my grandchildren some of the memories that I was so fortunate to experience.

Not long after the Café opened, we had no idea of regulations, guidelines, ventilation, and restrooms. What was working, wasn't working. Soon after, we were approached with a new opportunity to move into a beautiful historical building a few doors down that would accommodate our growing customers and the need to become an actual restaurant. It was not planned by us at all, but by faith alone, we are doing what we love to do still to this day and from our heritage and knowledge of country cooking. We knew that it would be called "Mammy's Kitchen".

Needless to say, we were in the right place at the right time! Serendipitous! My mother passed away April of 2009, and the memories that she left with us all will last a lifetime. Working and spending time with my mom (Gran) everyday were the best days of my life. She taught me and my children so much about ole-time cooking, gratitude, love, compassion, hard work and enjoying life. She will always remain a big part of this kitchen and family business. I dedicate this story to her, because without my mom, Mammy's Kitchen would not be here today. I vow to work hard, treat people with kindness and respect, keep my restaurant clean and continue cooking and creating foods that you love and will never forget! From there to here has been a beautiful and amazing experience.

My family and I shout out a big THANK YOU to all who have visited and remain with us. We look forward to serving you for a long time to come. Thank you for visiting today! — *Mammy*

Bethany Haven — Providing Shelter, Changing Lives

Guest amenities at Christy's Place include furnished common areas, kitchens, playrooms and bedrooms.

Bethany Haven is the parent organization for three programs which serve the homeless in Bardstown and Nelson County. *Christy's Place*, our 24-hour transitional shelter for women (with or without children), *Harbour House Inn*, a 24-hour transitional shelter for men, and *Room in the Inn*, an emergency overnight shelter for men, women, and children.

Bethany Haven provides emergency and transitional housing, food, case management, advocacy, and referral services for men, women, and children with the goal of assisting each resident in securing permanent housing of their own.

Bethany Haven leads the community's effort to provide a safe emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness and a pathway to independent living. They do this with compassion while treating people with dignity and practicing systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all. They serve and advocate for people experiencing homelessness regardless of race or gender.

Christy Clark, owner of *Mammy's Kitchen*, is an active supporter of Bethany Haven. Her personal obligation to "give back" has turned into a debt of gratitude for those who had a helping hand in her life. She has an inner passion for *Christy's Place* and has become part of a driving force in the success of the women who stay there.

"I would not be here today, and *Mammy's Kitchen* would surely not exist, if it weren't for the good folks who visit here," says Christy. "Together, we can make a difference in helping those in need. **Just scan the QR code at right to make a donation today.** Thank you in advance for your generosity, compassion, and commitment to Bethany Haven!"

"Truly I tell You, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Bethany Haven

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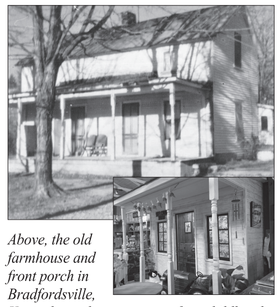
If These Walls Could Talk?

Dad's home was built in the early 1900's on Medlock Creek Road in Bradfordsville, KY. I know that Papaw and his dad (Leslie Gribbins) built the house while simultaneously building the same house for a family member down the road. Papaw and Mammy Clyde raised 10 living of 15 children there.

I'll never forget that house and I dream of it often. Our Uncle Bee lived in the room with the second front door, we were never allowed to go in his quarters. The old coal stove, the piano Aunt Bern mastered, the kitchen in the very back with a wood stove in the middle, there were vinyl curtains hanging in the dining and living rooms. At Christmas, Mammy Clyde would put out her silver-tinned Christmas tree with many gifts under it. Memories of Mammy Clyde at the stove frying chicken and cooking up her specialties, while Aunt Bern was helping with chores and Papaw usually at the small table eating or having conversations with one of the boys.

The stairs were in the dining room which had a corner cabinet so old it was built with wood pegs, the heavy black rotary phone sat on an old oak desk of papaws. My cousins and I sat on those steps from top to bottom and that became our band. Mike and Lisa at the top, then Greg and Vera, with Marty and Kevin after, then me on the bottom step, I was always the odd ball and they sure let me know it. We sang the song "Sugar-Sugar-Uh-Uh-Uh-Uh, Oh Honey-Honey Uh-Uh-Uh-Uh, you are my Candy Girl, and I can't stop wanting you….!" I'll never forget those times on the steps, me usually using an old towel on my head for my hairdo! Mammy Clyde just loved us — until we got too loud and was sent outside to play.



Above, the old farmhouse and front porch in Bradfordsville, Kentucky – where so many of my childhood memories were made. A replica of that front porch (inset) now stands inside of Mammy's Restaurant.

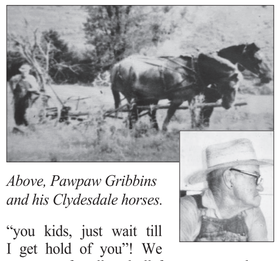
The upstairs was open, but had two sides separated by the brick chimney — girls on one side and boys on the other. This is where we were told ghost stories at night by our Aunt Bern, like *"The Golden Arm"*. Then we cuddled together on the feather beds with warm quilts and went fast asleep. There was a broad sparkly creek across the road, which we played in every day. It was the sweetest, coldest water I ever drank. Some of the best days of my life were on this farm.

My husband, Fly, built a replica of this home inside our restaurant for my dad's 82nd birthday. Dad said it was the first time he had received a present that made him cry. Two weeks later, my dad passed away and now is in his heavenly home with Mammy Clyde and Papaw.

Thank you, daddy, for giving us the best life we could ever ask for.

Meet Edford Martin Gribbins

Sept. 16, 1897 – April 16, 1977 (aged 79)



Above, Pawpaw Gribbins and his Clydesdale horses.

Papaw was my grandfather on my father's side and lived in Bradfordsville, KY. He was a farmer and trained Clydesdale horses. I can remember those giant horses — Papaw was never afraid of them. They were exceptionally beautiful and enormous!

Many times, while sitting on the front porch, chewing his tobacco, Papaw would look after us grandkids while our dads were busy keeping up the farm.

One smoldering summer day, me and several cousins went off on an adventure to climb the legendary Buzzard's Rock — which would take us on a journey for hours. Becoming worried and agitated, Papaw soon took off to find us, surely to beat the living daylights out of us all. Hours later here we come, proud as peacocks from our expedition, marching down the Medlock as if we were soldiers returning home from combat. We conquered the Rock, leaving us with our battle wounds, scrapes, and scratches, not to mention we were wet, muddy, tired, and hungry (myself being "wet" because I tripped and rolled down the whole knob, wetting my blue-jean overalls on the way, thankfully landing in a crick).

There was Papaw — we could see him in his Liberty jean coveralls with his giant carved wooden walking stick, way down the road. He was as mad as an ol' bull and ready to pounce that stick over our heads and yelling, "you kids, just wait till I get hold of you"! We were one for all and all for one — and we took off scattering around him and ran to the house, hiding until one of us could come up with a plan. We were scared to death that Papaw would kill us or tell our dads that we had gone missing. "Looking back, I feel bad that as a grandparent now I can imagine what was really going through his mind, worrying if we were all right or who knows what scenarios played out in his head." However, he never told on us, maybe to save us from our dads' wrath, or simply thankful we were still alive. I tell you now, that we as cousins had one of the best childhoods anyone could ever dream of. It was a magical time with fairy-tale memories..

Other memories of Papaw were him missing Mammy Clyde so bad — he was never the same after her death and even as a little girl I could feel his sorrow. In his mourning, he would call out her name many times, C L Y D E, oh C L Y D E!! Just as she did from that screen door calling out for him…, E D F OR D!!!

Meet Margaret and Joseph Allen Clark

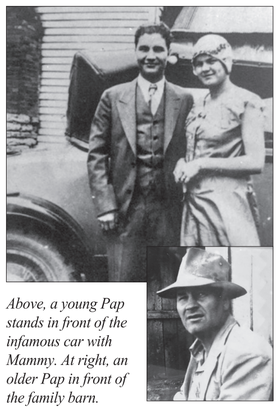
Ma: June 8, 1921 – Feb. 24, 1994 (aged 72) • Pa: 1913 – 1970 (aged 56–57)

Ma and Pa Clark, are parents to Mammy's co-owner Daniel (Fly) Clark, who is the youngest of 12 children. I've been told many times that Margaret (Ma) was one of the dearest and sweetest ladies around. And Jack (Pa) was multi-talented in building and many other areas of his life (as is his son, Fly). Plus, from what the photo at right portrays, Pa was also talented in the music field — it's one of my favorite pictures.

I was told that "you always knew when Ma was pregnant — because Pa was building another room onto the house"! At one point, Ma was taking care of her mother, her aunt and Jack (who passed away at 56) simultaneously, all while raising 12 children on her own, with her youngest being just 7 years old.

Meet Samuel Tilden Hourigan Jr.

Pap: Sept. 28, 1910 – May 13, 1985 (aged 74) • Mammy: Nov. 8, 1915 – July 22, 1999 (aged 83)



Above, a young Pap stands in front of the infamous car with Mammy. At right, an older Pap in front of the family barn.

This is the story I've heard of how Mammy Hourigan and Pap met.

Mammy was adopted as an only child and was raised in the family home that still stands today. Mammy was treated indulgently by her parents. From what I've been told, she was given a car when very few people her age owned a car in those days. At 15 years of age, Mammy was attempting to drive down the Beechfork Road, when she came upon a horse and carriage. Nearly hitting and running them off the road, she pulled over to see if the gentleman was okay.

It was there that she had met Tilden Hourigan, a good-looking young man, and her future husband. Married for more than 55 years, with a total of 17 children, hundreds of grand- and great-grandchildren, the family farm (home place) with hundreds of acres.

Rumor has it he married her for the car, but we like to think there was a lot of love involved. Pap joked with her — she didn't think it was very funny, of course. A grandson wrote this about Pap: "I remember Pap was cutting corn into nibblits with a corn knife, when he missed and cut his palm to the bone! He didn't flinch, but said, "Twin go get a sewing needle from your Mammy". When I came back to the barn, he reached up in the rafters for a bottle of whiskey, poured it on the cut, took a big drink and, with a hair out of his mule's tail, began stitching it up. I sat there and watched my Pap sew his hand up — a cut about 4″ long and to the bone. Pap was by far the toughest man I knew."

Mammy and Pap were like storybook characters, we we're so blessed to have been part of this magical family and our memories will last a lifetime. I've always heard that when anyone went to visit, they would address them as Mr. and Mrs. Hourigan — but by the time they left, they would call them Mammy and Pap.

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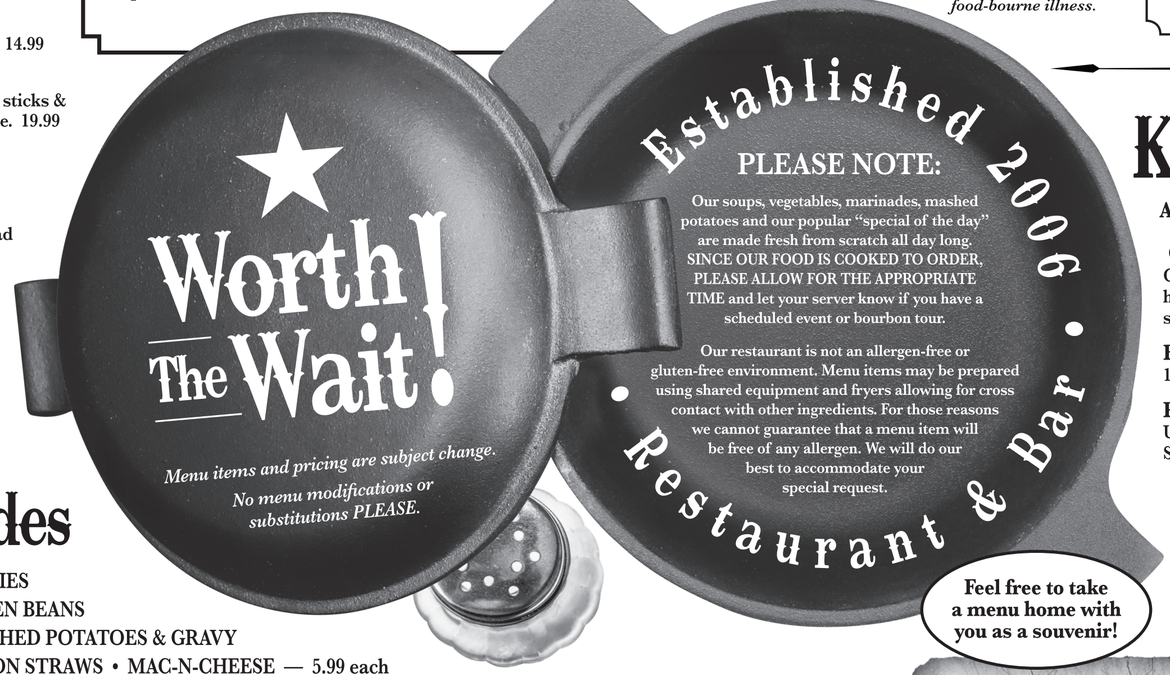

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